

# Facts and Figures of "Flu"

IN EPIDEMIC OF 1918

**ARE PHYSICIANS SIX TIMES MORE DANGEROUS THAN WAR, SIX TIMES MORE HELPLESS THAN DISEASE OR SIX TIMES MORE USELESS THAN MEDICINE?**

**PLAGUE TOOK SIX TIMES AS MANY AS GUNS**

**Figures Compiled Show 254 Deaths From Flu Since October 1**

Spanish influenza took over six times as many Davenport lives as did all the devilish devices of the bloody Hun.

Poison gas, scattering shrapnel and the sniper's deadly rifle were playthings compared to the plague which visited so many Davenport homes and with such terrible results.

Statistics compiled in The Democrat office show that since October 1 the flu claimed 254 Davenport lives. This includes the report for Monday.

**War Deaths Under 40**

According to the gold stars on the municipal service flag, which speak for the fallen Davenport soldiers, there were less than 40 local heroes killed on the battlefields of France in the year and more that the Yanks were engaged in active warfare.

As compared to the record of influenza deaths for the past two and one-half months in Davenport, the figures show that the plague took more than six times as many lives.—The Davenport Democrat, December 24, 1918.

**Influenza Reached Fifth of Fighters in United States**

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Approximately one out of five soldiers in the United States suffered from influenza during the epidemic; of these, one in six developed pneumonia and of the pneumonia patients, two out of five died.

This statement was made by Dr. George A. Soper of the United

States surgen general's staff in today's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.—Associated Press Report.

**An Appaling Death Toll**

The American people stand aghast at the announcement that in but little more than two months' time the appalling toll of 400,000 lives has been taken by the epidemic of influenza and its complications. One of the chief elements of the horror of war is its dreadful cost in human life, but the fatalities of this greatest of wars inflicted upon America shrink into insignificance by comparison with the ghastly work of this disease. Approximately 60,000 Americans gave their lives to the cause of freedom and of these a large percentage yielded to the prevailing epidemic; but statistics already available indicate that of civilians alone 400,000 were swept away by the influenza and the pneumonia which was its legacy. When the mortality statistics of the world are compiled, if ever the revelation of the total ravages of his disease will be staggering.

Prophylactic science has made vast strides in the past few years. The progress of the knowledge of bacteriology has been marvelous. Sanitation and hygiene have raised great barriers against the advance of contagion and infection. Yet with these forces of enlightenment in full play for defense, disease breaks in and in a brief time does ten times the destruction of war. It is little short of terrifying.

It is not difficult to appreciate the deadly sweep of the plague and pestilence in the earlier day when preventive science had not spread its blessings on the human pathway; but it is positively appalling to realize that in this age of advanced hygiene and prophylactic methods we stand so relatively helpless before the attack of the destroyers.—Editorial, St. Paul (Minn.), Dispatch, Dec. 5, 1918.

**ARE PHYSICIANS HOPELESS WITH ACUTE DISEASE? WHO FAILED TO CURE THE ACUTE AND LET THEM BECOME CHRONIC? DO CHRONIC CASES LIVE ON IN SPITE OF, NOT BECAUSE OF PHYSICIANS?**

## Pungent and Positive Proof

The "flu" flurry began about October 1st. Its end was definitely in sight December 25th, 1918. Since the last named date we have been compiling Medical, Osteopathic and Chiropractic statistics, covering between those dates. They are as follows:

**DAVENPORT, IOWA, STATISTICS**

Number of "Regular" Physicians..... 50  
 Number of cases under medical care..... 4,953  
 Number Medical deaths ..... 274

Number Davenport Chiropractors (including students and faculty of the P. S. C.)..... 150  
 Number of cases under Chiropractic adjustment 1,633  
 Number Chiropractic deaths ..... 1

**UNITED STATES OSTEOPATHIC STATISTICS**

Number of Osteopaths ..... 344  
 Number cases under Osteopathic treatment... 10,141  
 Number of deaths ..... 80

**NATIONAL CHIROPRACTIC STATISTICS**

Number of Chiropractors ..... 865  
 Total cases ..... 35,314  
 Total Chiropractic deaths ..... 41

The Davenport Medical Death Ratio is 1 to 18 cases, or 5 5-8 per cent.

The American Osteopathic Association Death Ratio is 1 to 127 cases, or .0087, or 4-5 of 1 per cent.

The Palmer School of Chiropractic Death Ratio is 1 to 1,633 cases, or .000612, or 3-50 of 1 per cent.

The United States Chiropractic Death Ratio is 1 to 886 cases, or 00119, or 1-9 of 1 per cent.

## Convincing Conclusions

When you read the above, you wonder about this boasted education of physicians; how much they know; how much power they want to control people with. Not being satisfied with being useless in the face of the "flu" they try to drive Chiropractors into the same useless educational channels, claiming that we can't do anything until we know everything they were taught; that we can't be competent Chiropractors until we have been taught the THEORY and PRACTICE of MEDICINE. That man is BEST educated who is MOST useful.

War is primarily intended TO TAKE life. Physicians are taught(?) how(?) to SAVE(?) life. When they stand helplessly by and see "SIX TIMES AS MANY" die at THEIR hands as died under war, should they not then be recorded as 6 times as dangerous as war? When Chiropractors reduce that record, away below the pale of the record of war, then we become a USEFUL member of society WHETHER WE STUDY subject for subject, hour for hour, the same as medicine or not; and, WHAT-EVER we study no matter how long or how short that time, it PROVES ITSELF USEFUL IN SAVING LIFE.

Over 400,000 people in the U. S. have died of "flu" under medical care; this in spite of the fact that they have practically had military control of cities with their bans on business, people compelled to wear masks, quarantines on homes, vaccines, etc., etc.

At the Davenport rate of 1 death to 18 cases (which statisticians admit is very low) this would mean 7,200,000 people were sick in the U.S.

At the Chiropractic ratio of 1 death to 886 "flu" cases, adjusted by Chiropractors, it means they could have attended 35,440,000 of people before they would have reached the same national death rate of 400,000.

If 7,200,000 people in the U. S. had "flu;" and, Chiropractors could

have adjusted these 7,200,000 people; and, the Chiropractic death rate is 1 to 886; then only 8352 should have died, not 400,000.

Our reports are from 865 Chiropractors, 17 times as many as the 50 physicians of Davenport, Iowa, who had a death list of 274 cases, which is almost seven times as many as the 865 Chiropractors.

Our reports further show 35,314 cases with a death rate of 41 cases as compared with the physicians' death list of 274 with 4,953 cases. We have to our credit 17 times as many practitioners; 7 times as many cases with M. D.'s having 46½ times as many deaths in proportion.

Upon the same basis, the Chiropractors would be entitled to 17 times as many cases, or 1,642,101, inasmuch as the Davenport medical ratio is 1 death in 18 cases; in order to reach their death rate of 274 cases.

In the light of these positive, provable figures, let us ask:

Should "regular" medical men be given MORE power, or be shorn of some they already have?

Should Chiropractors be given GREATER LIBERTY to decrease the death rate and increase the living rate?

Is Medical education RIGHT, irrespective of HOW LONG it takes?

Is Chiropractic education CORRECT, even tho it is shorter IN TIME?

HOW DO FIGURES PROVE THE ANSWERS?

(Osteopathic Figures compiled by a questionnaire system conducted by the Osteopathic Association.)  
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